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**COMMUNICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 TO APRIL 1, 2005 FINAL OFFICE ACTION
AND TO JULY 20, 2005 ADVISORY ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

A final office action was mailed April 1, 2005 in connection with the subject application. The office action provided a period of three months for filing a response *i.e.* by July 1, 2005. Applicants timely filed a communication on July 1, 2005. An Advisory Action was mailed on July 20, 2005 refusing to enter the communication alleging that the communication introduced new evidence without showing good and sufficient reasons why the evidence was necessary and why it was not presented earlier. In response, applicants are filing this communication. Applicants are concurrently requesting a two-month extension of time, extending the deadline for filing a response to September 1, 2005. Accordingly, this communication is being timely filed.